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SUBJ: ROKG REQUEST FOR FISHERIES GOOD OFFICES WITH USSR

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1. HUH-SEUNG, CHIEF OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIVISION, ROKG MINIS-
TRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) CALLED IN EMBOFF TO GIVE THE ROKG
RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE ROKG WOULD LIKE TO DELAY
TRANSMITTAL OF ITS VIEWS TO THE USSR, AS OUTLINED PARA 3, REF D,
CONSIDERING THE VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE OF USSR PLANNING FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS 200 MILE FISHERIES CONSERVATION ZONE.
HUH STATED THAT AFTER GIVING THE MATTER FULL CONSIDERATION, THE
ROKG HAS DECIDED THAT IT STILL WISHES TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH
THE INITIAL APPROACH TO THE USSR.

2. IN EXPLAINING THE DECISION, HUH SAID THAT THE ROKG HAD CON-
CLUDED THAT THE ULTIMATE RESULTS WILL BE THE SAME WHETHER
THE ROKG SEEKS TO INITIATE CONTACT AT THIS TIME OR WAITS UNTIL
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SOVIET PLANNING IS FURTHER ALONG. CONSIDERING THE SERIOUS CONSE-
QUENCES OF THIS MATTER, THE ROKG BELIEVES ITS PARAMOUNT INTEREST
IS TO FIND OUT WHAT THAT DECISION WILL BE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. TO ASSURE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO MISUNDERSTANDING, EMBOFF
REITERATED THE POINT MADE IN REF B THAT SOME RISK IS INVOLVED IN
BROACHING THIS QUESTION NOW. HUH REPLIED THAT THAT POINT WAS

DISCUSSED IN INTRA-GOVERNMENT DELIBERATIONS ON THIS MATTER ALONG WITH THE OTHER POINTS RAISED BOTH BY THE EMBASSY AND BY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS IN EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ROK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE USG'S CONSIDERATION IN RAISING THOSE POINTS, BUT SAID THAT, AFTER GIVING THE MATTER VERY CAREFUL THOUGHT, THE ROKG STILL WISHES TO HAVE ITS VIEWS CONVEYED TO THE USSR AT THIS TIME.

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